

In the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A seat of a child-care instrument provided with a seat plate and a backrest plate which can be reclined, comprising:

a lapping plate integrally having a seat surface portion facing said seat plate and a back surface portion facing said backrest plate, wherein

said seat plate and said backrest plate each have first openings penetrating ~~in the~~ through a respective thickness direction, thereof,

said lapping plate has second openings penetrating ~~in the~~ through a thickness direction, thereof, in ~~[[its]]~~ the seat surface portion and the back surface portion, and ~~[[it]]~~ is provided such that [[it]] said lapping plate can be displaced between a first position in which positions of said first and second openings are aligned and a second position in which positions of said first and second openings are shifted, and

a plurality of hinge portions extending in ~~[[the]]~~ a width direction of said lapping plate are provided so as to be spaced in a longitudinal ~~the vertical~~ direction of said lapping plate, in a corner region connecting the seat surface portion and the back surface portion of said lapping plate.

1 2. (original) The seat of the child-care instrument according  
2 to claim 1, wherein said plural hinge portions are formed  
3 of thinned portions reduced in thickness of the lapping  
4 plate.

1 3. (original) The seat of the child-care instrument according  
2 to claim 2, wherein said thinned portion is formed by  
3 cutting in a back surface of said lapping plate.

1 4. (original) The seat of the child-care instrument according  
2 to claim 1, wherein said lapping plate is provided such  
3 that it can be slid along said seat plate and said backrest  
4 plate.

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